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Claims 1-8, drawn to a non-elected invention, have been cancelled.

In claim 9, line 11, after "combinations thereof", - - , wherein said chiral mobile phase is selected from the group consisting of 2-butanol, 2-butylamine, 3-amino-1,2-propanediol, 1-amino-2-propanol, 2-amino-1-propanol, 1-dimethylamino-2-propanol, 1,2-propanediol, propylene carbonate, 1,2-diaminopropane dihydrochloride, 1-methyl-2-pyrrolidone, methyl-2-pyrrolidone-5-carboxylate, 1,2-dichloropropane, 2-bromopropionic acid, 2-bromopropionitrile, 2-chloropropionic acid, 2-chloropropionitrile, epichlorohydrin, 3-chloro-2-methylpropionitrile, 1-bromo-3-chloro-2-methylpropane, propylene oxide, 1,2-propanediol diacetate, 1-methoxy-2-propanol, 1-methoxy-2-propanol acetate, 1,2-diamino propane, 3-aminopyrrolidine, 4-chloro-3-hydroxy butyronitrile, 1-chloro-2-propanol, 2-chloro-1-propanol, methyl-2,3-dichloropropionate, 2-butanol, 1,2,4-butanetriol, 1,3-butanediol, 2,3-butanediol, β -hydroxy- γ -butyrolactone, 3-chloro-2-butanone, 4-chloromethyl-2,2-dimethyl-1,3-dioxolane, 1-chloro-2-methylbutane, methyl-2-chloropropionate, and 3-hydroxy pyrrolidine - - has been inserted.

Claim 12 has been cancelled.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Anthony J. Janiuk on July 31, 2009.

In the specification, page 1, line 5, after "application", -- is a 371 of PCT/US2005/011526, filed April 6, 2005, which, in turn,

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Duff (U.S. Patent No. 5,338,454), Mazzeo (U.S. Patent No. 6,090,250), and Peyrin (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2007/0056908) are considered to be the closest art because they disclose similar processes. The case has been allowed because the recited combination of steps would not have been obvious from Duff (U.S. Patent No. 5,338,454), Mazzeo (U.S. Patent No. 6,090,250), and Peyrin (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2007/0056908).

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